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DON'T WAIT FOR SEAMAN.

The people of the Ridge road district of Gary cannot be blamed if they have reached the stage where they would tear up the tracks of the Gary & Southern railway. Halleck H. Seaman, promoter of the line, has failed to deliver the goods for had he done so the trans-Calumet part of Gary would have had cars long ago. Progress of the whole district is being blocked by the lack of good transportation facilities. Now the citizens have reached a high state of indignation and would rip out rails, ties and all.

Yet this will not accomplish anything. A better way would be to try to secure the service of the Gary & Interurban. Its cars now operate to Calumet bridge. Why not let the company across the river?

This is the quickest solution of the south-end traction tangle.

There is no use waiting for Promoter Seaman. Some of these days, when we of this generation are hobbling around on canes and babies unborn are marrying and giving in marriage, Seaman will still be promising to give interurban service to Crown Point.

Don't wait for Seaman.

FAKE REAL ESTATE SCHEMES.

A fake scheme always bears the unmistakable evidences of fraud if a person has the perspicacity to discover them. The Lena Park real estate bubble is an example.

About two years ago a number of conscienceless promoters determined to dispose of some property which they held in Starke county. The land was absolutely valueless excepting for farming purposes and it was ridiculous to even think of locating a townsite there. But these promoters had the property subdivided and proceeded to place the land on the market. Excursions were run to Lena Park and hundreds of poor people were victimized. Chicago and the Calumet region were flooded with literature on the subject of Lena Park as an investment and the usual number of suckers were found.

The promoters declared that the Central Cut Glass factory had located in the town and would eventually employ hundreds of people. The factory did locate, but last week it moved away to Saginaw, Mich., on account of unsatisfactory labor conditions at Lena Park. The result is that the hundreds of people who bought lots in Lena Park are now holding the bag and will soon awaken to the fact.

It was the methods that were adopted by the promoters of this scheme that stamped it as a fake. The cost of selling a worthless thing for a big price is considerable. Special trains were run to Lena Park, tons of literature were distributed, agents were employed everywhere and still there was not enough merit to the project to attract even passing attention.

The small investor should always look behind the claims that are made for certain property and into the records and character of the men who are making the sale. Then there should be something tangible about the project. The harm that is done by a project like that at Lena Park is hard to estimate. It makes skeptics of hundreds of people who ought to be putting their money in legitimate real estate enterprises.

WANTON PROPERTY DESTROYERS.

A few days ago a Hammond man was arrested and fined for throwing beer bottles in the street to trap unwary autoists and it would be a pleasure to chronicle more arrests of such crimes. It is an outrage that the streets should be paved with barb wire, broken glass, tacks, nails fastened in wood, etc., to destroy auto tires. No man who owns a machine is there who cannot tell some tale of the fiendish ingenuity shown by destructive and malicious persons who take a criminal delight in destroying auto tires. An exchange says:

"Owners of automobiles, bicycles and rubber-tired vehicles are again complaining of the broken glass nuisance. Careless persons, regardless of the right of others and unmindful of the consequences to themselves if guilt is fixed, violate the law by throwing bottles and broken glass upon the city thoroughfares. As a result rubber tires are badly damaged and in some cases completely ruined.

"Of course, not all glass found on the streets is there a result of carelessness. An accident is occasionally responsible and again anti-auto-mobile cranks have been known to turn to broken glass or a box of tacks as means of emphasizing their protest against the auto speeders. Perhaps such lawless acts of reprisal can not be checked until drastic official action is taken. In this connection a word to the wise should be sufficient."

THE CHANCE OF A LIFETIME.

It is more than likely that the Gary aldermen will have a chance to handle the ordinance creating a public market when the council convenes tonight. The request for the market is from the South Side Citizens' Commercial club. To it must be given credit for the movement to establish it.

South Bend and Des Moines people are profiting immensely by the reduction in food stuffs that the public market affords. The cost of living is high in Gary, more so than any place else in the Calumet region. Here is a chance to lower it.

RANDOM THINGS AND FLINGS

THESE are the days that every dog has his, if he hasn't a muzzle.

BUTTON, button, who's got the Gary park button this evening?

ANOTHER Gary is being built? Gee! Isn't one enough?—Indianapolis News.

LENA park seems to have made the quickest exit on record R. U. E. Curtain.

Every little bit up here helps, you know, to beat out Indianapolis one day.

OH leave it to Mr. LaFollette to get his little bit of advertising out of it.

AND there's the French Lick resort of your friend Tom Taggart, governor. What about it?

IF Pinchot says he isn't satisfied with President Taft's school boy message, well, what matters it?

TOO many babies are dying in the north part of Lake county. It almost looks like wholesale murder.

SOME men never express an opinion unless their wives have said something to them on the matter.

SHOULD think that some of these young women with mouse-colored hair would get tired of wearing rats.

GOVERNOR Marshall might also write a few democratic mayors up this way about Sunday law violations.

AMONG the most popular drownings of the season would be the drowning of the voice of the calamity howler.

LAKE county farmers are so busy making hay and other things that they haven't had time to even think about reciprocity.

NEW Jersey parrot is eighty years old. Like to hear from it whether chewing tobacco or drinking rum ever hurt it?

IF you want a vacation, now's the time to begin figuring out how you are going to stand off the coal man this year.

SALT Creek Township, Indiana, has the center of population. Is this where the old-fashioned Salt river springs from?

THE National Athletic club is in so deep now that it doesn't care about issuing any more invitations to come in the water.

CHICAGO News says the Windy City "is not trying to be wicked." Certainly not. It just comes natural. No necessity to try.

IT is said that James R. Garfield has his eye on the presidential chair. He would better have both fists on it if he wants any results.

KNOX county has begun to ship watermelons. A Knox county watermelon and a blanket at night is a good vacation for anyone.

IT may be possible that after President Taft gets through with the Wiley case, somebody else may lose his head, and it won't be Doc Wiley either.

HAS Governor Marshall made any effort to ascertain whether there is any violations of the law at any other place in Lake county besides Cedar Lake?

B.—YES, we could take all the attention we give that little sheet, roll it into a wee wad and stick it in our left eye without causing the least discomfort.

MICHIGAN woman, who married for a joke, was denied a divorce. Still there will always be some people who think that marriage is something to titter about.

"YOU seem to think I'm not right about anything," said one Tolleston man to another yesterday. "Well, I think you are right about that," was the retort courteous.

LAKE county roads are never praised so highly as when a bunch of autoists who have hit the high spots in other states land in the best of Indiana's ninety-two counties.

AN old lady with a handorgan visited Valparaiso the other day and the Messenger says "she was listened to with rapt attention." Well you have to have some excitement over there, don't you?

The Day in HISTORY

"THIS DATE IN HISTORY"

July 31.

1759—General Wolfe was checked in his assault on the French at Quebec.

1777—Lafayette made a major-general in the American army.

1803—John Ericsson, builder of the Monitor, born. Died March 7, 1889.

1813—Plattsburg, N. Y., taken by the British.

1831—Completion of the new London Bridge.

1871—Phoebe Gary, noted author, died in Newport, R. I. Born near Cincinnati, Sept. 4, 1824.

1875—Andrew Johnson, seventeenth President of the U. S., died at his home in Tennessee. Born in North Carolina, Dec. 29, 1808.

1898—General MacArthur's force reached the Philippines.

1899—Sir James David Edgar, Speaker of the Dominion House of Commons, died. Born in 1841.

1906—Mutinies of Russian troops in Finland suppressed with great loss of life.

1910—John G. Carlisle, former senator, cabinet officer and Speaker of the house of representatives, died in New York city. Born in Campbell County, Kentucky, Sept. 5, 1835.

"THIS IS MY 70TH BIRTHDAY"

Robert Stuart MacArthur.

Rev. Dr. Robert Stuart MacArthur, the new president of the Baptist World Alliance, was born in Dalesville, Quebec, July 31, 1841. He graduated from the University of Rochester in 1867 and three years later finished a course in the Rochester Theological Seminary. The same year of his entrance into the ministry he was called to the pulpit of the Calvary Baptist church in New York city and for forty-one years he has continued as pastor of that church. Dr. MacArthur's fame as an eloquent preacher is equalled by his reputation as a writer on religious subjects. He has been a frequent contributor to the Baptist church publications and numerous books of his sermons have been published and widely circulated.

Up and Down in INDIANA

DID NOT KNOW HE WAS HURT.

Walter Collins, 15 years old, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Collins, residing at Marion in Franklin Township, is in a critical condition, as a result of having been shot in the neck while watching the races at the Grant County Fair Friday. The youth was not aware of having been shot until some one observed blood on his shirt. A physician ordered him taken home. The bullet was fired from a rifle at a shooting gallery. Officials ordered the gallery closed forthwith. Miss Ethel Polton, whose home is in Marion, barely escaped being killed when she fell from a merry-go-round. Miss Felton, who only recently recovered from a long spell of illness, became dizzy while the machine was going and fell from the "horse" on which she was riding, suffering concussion of the brain. The attending physician says the skull is not fractured and that the girl probably will get well.

2,000 WITNESS NOVEL RACE.

A crowd of about 2,000 persons was attracted to the block bounded by Twenty-second, Alabama, Twenty-third and New Jersey streets at Indianapolis Friday night to see an "automobile" race between boys in hand-pushed cars. The crowd was the largest that has attended any of the races, which are held almost nightly on the North Side. Don Springle, 2233 Central avenue, pilot of a "Chalmers Red Devil," won first prize.

Times Pattern Department

DAILY FASHION HINT.



5554 Girl's Box Coat.

The box coat is ever popular. Our model is cut on the usual plain lines, with very little flare. At the neck is a large and ornamental collar; the sleeves have some fullness at the shoulder and are finished with a smart little cuff. Kersey, melton, storm serge, tweed, cheviot and similar fabrics are suitable for this coat, and braid or bias bands of satin will trim it advantageously. The pattern, 5554, is cut in sizes 6 to 12 years. Medium size requires 2 1/2 yards of 44 inch material. The above pattern can be obtained by sending 10 cents to the office of this paper.

Heart to Heart Talks.

By EDWIN A. NYR

FANNY CROSBY.

I am just as young as I ever was. I haven't grown old a bit, and I don't intend to grow old. Those who trust the Lord shall preserve their strength, and I trust the Lord.

The brave words were uttered by a woman who is ninety-two years old, or, better, ninety-two years young—Fanny Crosby, the well known writer of Christian hymns.

Speaking to a vast audience in New York the other day, she turned upon the people eyes that have been sightless from the time she was five years old. Since she was a child this blind singer has composed hymns. If you were to strike from the church hymnology the productions of Fanny Crosby you would leave the collections poor indeed. And you could fill many ordinary hymnals from her songs alone.

"I don't intend to grow old." What splendid optimism! And she never will grow old—in spirit. Because of the sublime optimism of her life she has lived long and usefully; because of it her songs breathe of faith and of hope and of trust.

And as the great audience was thrilled by the words of the young-old woman of ninety-two, so has the Christian world been stirred to enthusiasm by the sacred songs of this sweet singer of Israel. Optimism is vitality. Pessimism is poison. Call it what you will—Christian faith, new thought, Christian Science, suggestive therapeutics, or what not—optimism is life. Some of us who have boxed the compass of religious thinking and come back to the simple religion of mother's knee call it Christian faith.

Why Fanny Crosby has not grown old is because of her simple and beautiful trust, because she has had young thoughts, sought young company, kept a young spirit. Age is not of the spirit. The body may grow old, but by faith the spirit is renewed from day to day, and such is the force of spirit over material, the body itself is wonderfully preserved.

And so the blind singer is not tired of life. On the contrary, she says she intends to live to celebrate the one hundredth anniversary of her birth. May she accomplish her desire!

Who puts faith and hope and trust into the hearts of mortals puts into the world the tremendous forces of assurance and confidence and courage and health.

prize. The prize consisted of four watermelons. Homer Riddle, 2229 Woodlawn avenue, was second and was awarded a three-pound box of chocolates. Harold Hollister, 2137 Central avenue, took third place and received fifteen bottles of "pop." Other prize winners were Will Flora, 2134 Central avenue; Robert Connor, 2504 Central avenue, and R. Seldensticker, 2157 Park avenue.

KILLED ON WAY TO FUNERAL. Anna Marrow, of Terre Haute colored, age seventy-six, was killed by a Chicago fast train at a street crossing on river way to a funeral Saturday.

BREAD WAR AT BRAZIL. A bread war is on at Brazil, Ind. Owners of the six bakeries of Brazil met Friday and organized to wage war on foreign baked bread. Indianapolis and Terre Haute bread is sent into Brazil in great quantities, and bakers of both cities maintain deliveries. The Brazil bakers contend that this foreign bread is sold in such quantities and at such prices as seriously to jeopardize their trade. They will appeal to the loyalty of the citizens of Brazil to insist on their rovers furnishing them with Brazil bread, and threaten, in the event the grocers do not do as requested, to establish groceries themselves.

STOPS PANIC IN BURNING CAR. While a car on the Logansport and Indianapolis division of the Indiana Union Traction Company's lines was running forty miles an hour near Noblesville, fire broke out in the smoking compartment and caused a panic among the passengers.

Frank Davis, a business man, of Noblesville, prevented the frightened passengers from jumping from the car by taking a position in the door and forcing back all who attempted to get out. The fire was soon extinguished.

YOUTH AND AUTO COLLIDE. Daniel Skelly, of Muncie, 15 years old, son of Mrs. Catherine Skelly, was probably fatally injured Friday night when he was run over by an automobile driven by Ralph G. Hemingray, president of the Hemingray Glass Company of Muncie. The lad was riding a bicycle when he collided with the auto. One of the front wheels of the car passed over the boy's head. His scalp was badly torn, and the skull was fractured. Hemingray picked the lad up and hurried him to the Mix hospital, where at a late hour he was resting comfortably.

HORSE TRAMPLES BICYCLIST. Kenneth Reed, 12 years old, 818 Nal-street, of Indianapolis, was seriously injured last evening when he was thrown from his bicycle and trampled by a horse driven by Charles Gibson, 820 Harlan street, in front of 1900 Lexington avenue. The horse stepped on the boy's back. The boy was carried home unconscious by his father, who witnessed the accident. A physician was called, but said he could not determine exactly the seriousness of the boy's injuries. Police Sergeant Streitt witnessed the accident and said it was entirely unavoidable. He said the boy attempted to pass the buggy, which bore Gibson and his family, when his wheel seemed to catch in a car track, causing him to fall in front of the horse.

DROPS GUN AND IS KILLED. George W. Geiger, of Lawrenceburg,

Chicago Couple Married at London.



Mrs. Elion B. Howard

OPPORTUNITY.

This I beheld, or dreamed in a dream.
There spread a cloud of dust along a plain;
And underneath the cloud, or in it, raged
A furious battle, and men yelled, and swords
Shocked upon swords and shields.
A prince's banner
Wavered, then staggered backward, hemmed by foes.
A craven hung along the battle's edge,
And though, "Had I a sword of keener steel—
That blue blade that the king's son bore—but this
Blunt thing!"—he snapped and flung it from his hand,
And lowering crept away and left the field.
Then came the king's son, wounded sore bestead,
And weaponless, and saw the broken sword.
Hilt-buried in the dry and sodden sand,
And ran and snatched it, and with battle shout
Lifted afresh, he hewed his enemy down,
And saved a great cause that heroic day.
—Edward Rowland Sill.

age sixteen, the only son of Frank J. Geiger, met death by the accidental discharge of his breech loading shot-gun while hunting squirrels. Young Geiger was standing on a hollow log

in the woods watching for a squirrel in a large hickory tree. A large black-snake crawled out of a hole in the log and passed over his feet and in his excitement he dropped his gun. The hammer struck the log and exploded the shells, sending both loads of shot through the boy's abdomen. Despite his injuries Geiger started for his home, two miles distant.

STRONG CASE OF BALLOONITIS. Mrs. Mort Hefner, living near Delphi, who was stricken with "balloinitis" several days ago, has now fully recovered. While driving home, she was attracted by a balloon high in the sky. As it passed directly over her, she tilted back her head and gazed upward. The horse gave a little jerk, and she remembers nothing more from that time until the next morning. The period is a total blank, but she continued to drive, unhitched the horses, prepared supper and went without complaining of being ill.

Appointed District Attorney in Chicago



James H. Wilkerson.